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TO: Acting Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : National Censorship Planning

1. The Department of the Army has published the National Postal and Travelers Censorship Plan entitled "Department of Army Plan - 1958 (U) (DA-NPTC-58)," dated 21 August 1958. The Department of the Navy previously had published, on 17 May 1957, Document ONI-60-2, entitled, "United States of America Telecommunications Censorship Basic Plan." These plans are intended to carry out the portion of the responsibility for national censorship which is assigned to the Department of Defense. A copy of each plan is enclosed herewith for your information and retention.

2. Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the Stand-By National Censorship Agreement between this Agency, the Department of Defense, and the Office of Defense Mobilization for the Office of Censorship, executed by the Director of Central Intelligence, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, along with an addendum thereto executed by the Director of Central Intelligence and the Director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, and of the letter dated 15 March 1958 by which the Director of Central Intelligence transmitted the executed agreement and the addendum to the director of the Office of Defense Mobilization, and in which he set forth the Central Intelligence Agency's interpretation of certain provisions of the agreement.

3. Section 1 of this agreement contains certain obligations on the part of the Director of Central Intelligence which he would fulfill at such time as national censorship might be invoked, and one present obligation wherein, as a pre-emergency readiness measure, it is agreed that this Agency will maintain on a current basis at the CIA relocation site a Watch List which, in the event of emergency, would be turned over immediately to the Director of Censorship or to the Secretary of Defense during such time as he has operational responsibility for censorship.

4. The foregoing information is directed to your attention, in view of the fact that it was agreed by planning representatives

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of all the major components of this Agency, while studying the provisions of the agreement prior to its signing, that the implementation of the obligations set forth in the agreement come within the purview of responsibility of certain organizational elements under your jurisdiction.

L. K. White  
Deputy Director (Support)

Enclosures:  
As listed in paragraphs 1 and 2

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